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Introduction

- Why The Harare Protocol was Amended:
 - In order to improve and harmonize the Harare Protocol with the international treaties like **the Paris Convention, Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property (TRIPS) and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)**;
 - To make the protocol more attractive to users and the public at large;
 - Most of the Proposals came from users like you;
 - The Amendments are highlighted in the Annex I



Introduction (cont.)

- Why the Banjul Protocol was amended:
 - The Banjul Protocol has not been performing as expected
 - It has not been attractive to both users and Member States.
 - The number of trademark applications received per year has been very low and only 9 out of the 19 Member States are party to the Protocol.
 - The amendments also have been necessitated by the developments in the international trademark practice and are based on proposals from users and Member States;
 - The biggest amendment is the Introduction of “Individual fees based on the Madrid System of WIPO;



Introduction (cont.)

- With effect from January 1, 2015, applications, designation and renewal fees for Tanzania will be based on their local fees;
- Botswana has elected to use the current share of fees of 50%.
- Other countries have not yet indicated their preferred fees;
- Amendments to the Banjul Protocol are indicated in Annex II;
- Declaration of Individual Fees Form: Annex III





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